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SYNOPSIS

Requires State, county, and municipal employees and certain State contractors to complete cybersecurity awareness training.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT requiring State, county, and municipal employees and
2 certain State contractors to complete cybersecurity awareness
3 training and supplementing various parts of the statutory law.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. All State officers and employees in a State agency in the
9 Executive Branch and in the Judicial Branch of State government
10 shall complete a cybersecurity awareness training program at least
11 once in each calendar year. An officer and employee shall verify
12 completion of the program in the manner specified by the Chief
13 Technology Officer, or a designee, of the New Jersey Office of
14 Information Technology.

15 The Chief Technology Officer, or a designee, shall approve the
16 format and content of the program. The program shall be provided
17 online. The program may include content which addresses certain
18 identified groups of officers or employees, such as those who are
19 involved in contracting processes.

20 The Chief Technology Officer shall require periodic audits by
21 appropriate persons or agencies to ensure compliance with the
22 requirement set forth in this section.

23 As used in this section:

24 "State agency in the Executive Branch" means any of the
25 principal departments in the Executive Branch of State
26 government, and any division, board, bureau, office, commission, or
27 other instrumentality within or created by a department, and any
28 independent State authority, commission, instrumentality, or
29 agency, including any public institution of higher education.

30 "State officer and employee" means a person employed and
31 compensated to serve in a full time or part time capacity.
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33 2. All county and municipal officers and employees shall
34 complete, at least once in each calendar year, the cybersecurity
35 awareness training program approved by the Chief Technology
36 Officer, or a designee, pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.)
37 (pending before the Legislature as this bill). An officer and
38 employee shall verify completion of the program to the governing
39 body of each county and municipality, as appropriate. The
40 governing body of each county and municipality, as appropriate,
41 shall report completion of the program to the Chief Technology
42 Officer, or a designee.

43 The governing body of each county and municipality, as
44 appropriate, shall require periodic audits by appropriate persons to
45 ensure compliance with the requirement set forth in this section.

46 As used in this section:

47 "County" means any county of any class of this State, and any
48 authority, commission, agency, or instrumentality of a county.

1 “Municipality” means any city of any class, any town, township,
2 village, or borough of this State, other than a county or a school
3 district, and any authority, commission, agency, or instrumentality
4 of a municipality.

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6 3. The members of the Legislature and the State officers and
7 employees in the Legislative Branch of State government shall
8 complete, at least once in each calendar year, the cybersecurity
9 awareness training program approved by the Chief Technology
10 Officer, or a designee, pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.)
11 (pending before the Legislature as this bill). A member, officer,
12 and employee shall verify completion of the program to the Office
13 of Legislative Services. The Office of Legislative Services shall
14 report completion of the program to the Chief Technology Officer,
15 or a designee. The President of the Senate, Speaker of the General
16 Assembly, and Executive Director of the Office of Legislative
17 Services shall require periodic audits by appropriate persons to
18 ensure compliance with the requirement set forth in this section.

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20 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
21 a State contractor and a subcontractor of a State contractor, and an
22 officer and employee of the contractor and subcontractor, who has
23 access to a computer system of the State or a database of the State
24 shall complete the cybersecurity awareness training program
25 approved by the Chief Technology Officer, or a designee, pursuant
26 to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature
27 as this bill), except that the Chief Technology Officer, or a
28 designee, may include content in the program which addresses
29 contractors and their officers and employees. The program shall be
30 completed once by each contractor, subcontractor, officer, and
31 employee during each contract period and each renewal period.

32 The completion of the program shall be required by the terms
33 and conditions of the contract or agreement awarded by the State.
34 Each contractor, subcontractor, officer, and employee shall verify
35 completion of the program in the manner specified by the Chief
36 Technology Officer, or a designee. The State contract manager, or
37 a designee, shall report completion of the program to the Chief
38 Technology Officer, or a designee. The State contract manager, or
39 a designee, shall conduct periodic audits to ensure compliance with
40 the requirement set forth in this section.

41 The requirement of this section shall apply to contracts awarded
42 or renewed after the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before
43 the Legislature as this bill).

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45 5. This act shall take effect on the 90th day following
46 enactment, except that the Chief Technology Officer may take such
47 anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be necessary
48 for the implementation of this act.

STATEMENT

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3 This bill provides for a cybersecurity awareness training program
4 for all State, county, and municipal officers and employees and
5 certain State contractors.

6 This bill, all State officers and employees in the Executive
7 Branch and the Judicial Branch of State government will be
8 required to complete a cybersecurity awareness training program in
9 each calendar year. The Chief Technology Officer of the Office of
10 Information Technology will approve the format and content of the
11 training program, which will be provided online. The program may
12 include content which addresses certain identified groups of officers
13 or employees, such as those who are involved in contracting
14 processes. The requirement in this bill includes officers and
15 employees of State authorities and of public institutions of higher
16 education.

17 Members of the Legislature and the officers and employees in
18 the Legislative Branch, as well as officers and employees of the
19 counties and municipalities in the State, will also be required to
20 complete the program approved by the Chief Technology Officer.

21 Finally, this bill requires State contractors and subcontractors
22 and their officers and employees who have access to the State
23 computer system or a State database to complete the same
24 cybersecurity awareness training program as a term and condition
25 of the State contract, except that the Chief Technology Officer may
26 include content in the program which addresses contractors and
27 their officers and employees.

28 The bill requires periodic audits to ensure compliance with the
29 requirements of this bill.